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FOR: PREVENTIVE OR AMELIORATING AGENT FOR LIVER DISEASE INVOLVING

HEPATOPATHY

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Sir

The present paper responds to the FINAL Office Action mailed January 6, 2010, and is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A Notice of Appeal was filed July 2, 2010. The present Amendment / Response is timely filed on or before September 2, 2010. The Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 8.